

Russo Sentence Suspended in \$1 Theft Case

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Perry Raymond Russo, a key figure in the Kennedy assassination trial of Clay L. Shaw, received a three-month suspended sentence today for possession of stolen property.

Criminal District Court Judge Rudolph Becker Jr. also placed Russo, 29, on probation for three months and ordered him to pay \$28 in court costs. Russo was convicted last week of possessing a stolen safety deposit box key valued at \$1.

Russo's counsel said he would appeal the case.

The conviction stemmed from an incident involving Alvin E. Fontenberta, 6711 Dorchester, owner of the key. Charges of simple burglary of a former residence of Fontenberta were filed against Russo but were not accepted by the district attorney.

Russo was a star witness in DA Jim Garrison's unsuccessful attempt to implicate Shaw in a plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. Russo testified he witnessed conspiracy plans in which Shaw participated.



PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO